



Dear Rockville Swim and Fitness Center Customers,

We are excited to share that we are moving forward on a project that will replace the South Pool deck and renovate the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system in the natatorium. Details about the project can be found in the [January issue of "Rockville Reports,"](#) beginning on page 3 (text copied below).



Improvements to Bring Fresh Air, New Deck to South Pool

A \$2.5 million improvement project will “provide needed structural repairs and a better swimming experience” at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center’s South Pool, the center’s superintendent said.

The Mayor and Council gave the go-ahead to the project on Nov. 24. It will involve replacing the pool deck and the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system.

“The pool’s footprint and layout won’t look significantly different after the improvements,” said Adam Goldstein, the center’s superintendent.

These are the first major repairs or renovation to the South Pool since it was built in 1968. Since then, exposure to chlorinated water and poor air quality has led the concrete slabs of the pool deck and walls to deteriorate.

The project will replace the existing pool deck, the underside of which is the ceiling of the filtration room, where concrete deterioration is also apparent. The pool walls and filtration room floor will be repaired. Bleachers that do not comply with the

Americans with Disabilities Act will be removed and replaced with portable, modular units.

Improved drainage of water on the pool deck will prevent deterioration of the concrete slab. A new pool gutter includes a system that removes chloramines—irritants created when chlorine combines with swimmer’s perspiration and other body oils, creating “pool smell”—from just above the water’s surface.

A new HVAC system on the pool’s roof will also improve the poor air circulation contributing to decay in the natatorium and filtration room.

An engineering firm’s recent assessment said the repairs are critical to the South Pool continuing to function properly. Work could begin as early as spring. The project is expected to take nine months to complete, during which time the North Pool and outdoor facilities will be used for center programs. ✦



As we embark on the process of modernizing the facilities at the Swim and Fitness Center, we will continue to communicate with customers via the “Notify Me” email group (sign up online at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter), and by notices posted at the facility and online. While we look forward to the completion of repairs and renovations, the construction process will inevitably cause service interruptions to various users and programs. As details of the construction timeline are finalized, arrangements for program and facility schedule alterations will be shared with customers of the Swim and Fitness Center.

The findings of the Aquatics Facility Audit and Recommendations for Enhancements, a comprehensive facility study conducted by a consulting architectural firm, are also forthcoming. The report will provide insight on needed repairs facility-wide, and will assess the feasibility of possible enhancements. This report will be presented to the Mayor and Council on Jan. 12, and will be available for public review on the City’s website (www.rockvillemd.gov). This document, combined with user input will serve as a starting point and road map for future projects at the Swim and Fitness Center.

Thank you in advance for your continued support, patience and understanding as we work to improve experiences at the facility. Feel free to contact a member of the Swim and Fitness Center Management Team at swimcenter@rockvilemd.gov or 240-314-8750 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Adam Goldstein, Superintendent
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